

Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

2018 Proposed Interim Study Items

County Form of Government

[H.B. 224 \(2018\)](#) modified the process by which a county changes its form of government. Rep. Froerer, H.B. 224's chief sponsor, and Utah Association of Counties (UAC) requested that the committee examine what changed and whether further changes are warranted. Another question is whether the Legislature should address counties that operate under an illegal form of government?

Indigent Defense Services

UAC requested that the committee examine how indigent defense services are paid and whether changes should be made going forward.

Affordable Housing Set-Aside

Certain project areas created by Community Reinvestment Agencies are required to use up to 20% of the increment from the project area for affordable housing, known as the affordable housing set-aside ([Utah Code Section 17C-5-307](#).) UAC requested that the committee examine this requirement and other methods to fund affordable housing.

Billboard Condemnation Process

[H.B. 361 \(2018\)](#) enacted an eminent domain process for billboards; however, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) and other stakeholders would like the committee to examine the process that was enacted and determine whether changes are warranted.

Resort Community Infrastructure Costs

The population of Utah's resort cities does not provide the tax base to cover infrastructure and services required to accommodate the influx of visitors each year. ULCT requested that the committee examine the resort tax and other options these cities could/should have to manage their increased burden.

Political Subdivision Lien Authority

Rep. Webb requested that the committee address a technical issue in [H.B. 168 \(2018\)](#) to use consistent terminology of "lienholder" in Utah Code Section 11-58-103.

Boundary Line Agreements

Stakeholders raised issues related to the implementation of modified provisions related to boundary line agreements proposed in [S.B. 215 \(2018\)](#), and the Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee recommended the issue for interim study.

Trampoline Park Safety

During the 2017 General Session, [H.B. 300](#) proposed statewide safety standards for trampoline parks, but the bill did not pass. Rep. Thurston requested that the committee examine this issue. Should there be statewide minimum standards? Is there another way to ensure a basic level of safety? Provo City, for example, has enacted local safety standards.

Local Ordinance Penalties

Sen. Thatcher requested that the committee examine the penalties that local governments are authorized to enforce for violations to local ordinances.

Land Use, Development, and Management Act

The Land Use Task Force is invited to brief the committee on any issues the task force is addressing.